

the Spirit of South Carolina tall ship for the students of South Carolina focusing on the history, math, science and literature of South Carolina's water resources and encouraging personal responsibility, contribution to community and stewardship of environment. Funds will be used to complete construction and make equipment purchases related to the Spirit of South Carolina's education and leadership development programs for troubled youth.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the new Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Special Research Grant (SRG)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: University of Florida—Institute of Foods and Agriculture Sciences (UF-IFAS)

Address of Receiving Entity: 700 Experiment Station Red, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,217,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the SRG account for Citrus Canker and Greening research.

This funding will be used for research by UF-IFAS to improve technologies for treatment and detection, methods of movement and containment, and means to control and eliminate citrus canker and citrus greening.

The benefit of this project is the management of citrus canker and greening to minimize mortality and yield loss in a cost effective manner. This research is imperative to Florida citrus and all U.S. citrus production.

The University of Florida—Institute of Foods and Agriculture Sciences/Horticulture Research Laboratory, the state of Florida, and Florida Citrus Mutual have matching funds totaling \$13 million for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

Address of Receiving Entity: 1 West Adams Street Suite 301 Jacksonville, FL 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the OJP-Juvenile Justice Account, under the Department of Justice for the PACE Center for Girls Inc.

The purpose of this gender-responsive assessment instrument is to predict risk for involvement or further involvement in the juvenile justice system among adolescent girls and to ensure a treatment model based on assessment data. This assessment instrument and program model has been called for by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Girls Study Group and as the only

statewide gender-responsive prevention program in the country.

The funding would be used for to conduct an external evaluation of the PACE Center for Girl's prevention program delivery model so that it can be replicated nationally and to train staff on implementation at all 18 PACE Center locations across Florida.

Pace Center for Girls will match \$100,000 of state funds from the Dept. of Juvenile Justice and \$100,000 is contributed to the program through PACE Center for Girls funds.

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Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Address of Receiving Entity: 117 W. Duval St., #400 Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,200,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants under the Department of Justice for the Jacksonville Journey Anti-Violence Initiative.

Jacksonville has been the "murder capital" of Florida for eight years running, and 14 of the last 19 years, with the per capita homicide rate spiking at an alarming rate since 2001. More than 10% of the murders in Florida occur in Duval County, even though it represents about 5% of the state population.

Federal funding will help implement the Jacksonville Journey Anti-Violence Initiative, a comprehensive approach to reduce Duval County's exceptionally high level of murder and violence through integrated enforcement, intervention, and prevention activities. Elements of the strategy include intensified community policing and technologies targeting violence "hot spots," illegal gun abatement through gun bounties, heightened enforcement, and jurisdictional information-sharing. At-risk youth interventions and positive youth development programs will provide after-school havens, employment, and chronic truancy reduction will also be a focus of the Jacksonville Journey program.

The Jacksonville Journey Anti-Violence Initiative is funded by local, state, and private funds at \$5,200,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Sheriff

Address of Receiving Entity: 501 East Bay Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$700,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account under the Department of Justice for Atmospheric Detection Equipment for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is seeking Atmospheric Detection to monitor atmospheric conditions related to: HazMat accidents, emergency situations and criminal activity. By providing funding for this project it will enhance the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office detection capability and mitigate consequences to HazMat accidents and crime scenes, increase public and officer safety.

This project will serve the Port of Jacksonville, DOD facilities based at the Port of Jacksonville, and all of Duval County. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office responds to Atmospheric Emergency situations for both commercial and military facilities at the port of Jacksonville. Federal assets at the Port of Jacksonville do not have the capabilities for atmospheric detection that this project will provide.

The Jacksonville Police Department is contributing \$551,374 over a four year period for officer training and administrative costs related to this project.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Union County Sheriff

Address of Receiving Entity: 55 W Main St Courthouse, #102, Lake Butler, FL 32054

Description of Request: I have secured \$450,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the COPS Law Enforcement Technology Account under the Department of Justice for the Visual Intelligence Tool for Union County Sheriff.

The Counties of North Florida will greatly benefit from the availability of this Law Enforcement Visual Intelligence Tool. It will allow them to manage natural disasters, crime scenes, and emergencies. Within seconds, a law enforcement officer will be able to view and analyze any house, building, intersection, fire hydrant, tree or any feature in the county from their laptop, workstation, or mobile device.

The Union County Sheriff will administer the program for the following eight North Florida counties: Union, Baker, Nassau, Columbia, Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson and Leon.

No matching funds necessary.

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Account: Office of Justice Programs: Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Youth Crisis Center, Inc.

Address of Receiving Entity: 3015 Parental Home Rd Jacksonville, FL 32216

Description of Request: I have secured \$200,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the OJP-Juvenile Justice Program, under the Department of Justice for the New Life Village.

New Life Village is an Independent Living and Transitional Living complex and program whose primary function is to prepare disadvantaged youth for the transition to adulthood. Clients coming to New Life Village will be youth in foster care, youth referred from juvenile justice programs, and youth who are temporarily or permanently homeless.

New Life Village will provide these at-risk youths with an intervention program that provides stable housing in a caring environment supported by therapeutic services, education/career planning, job readiness development and independent living skills, all with a focus of helping them to successfully transition to adulthood.

The Youth Crisis Center will contribute \$1.2 million to the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Office of Justice Programs—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Tallahassee Community College

Address of Receiving Entity: 444 Appleyard Drive Tallahassee, FL 32304

Description of Request: I have secured \$100,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the OJP Byrne Discretionary Grant Program under the Department of Justice for the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy at Tallahassee Community College.

After the September 11, 2001 tragic events, a concerted effort was begun by law enforcement agencies to reduce barriers that impede intelligence sharing so that future tragedies could be prevented.

The National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (NCISP) was developed as a key tool that law enforcement agencies can employ to support crime-fighting and public safety efforts. The NCISP developed minimum criminal intelligence training standards for law enforcement personnel, and recommended that "training should be provided to all levels of law enforcement personnel involved in the criminal intelligence process."

The Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy (PTLEA) at Tallahassee Community College initiated a project to update existing intelligence training programs at PTLEA to enable law enforcement and other criminal justice agency personnel engaged in the planning, collection, collation, analysis, and dissemination of information and criminal intelligence to meet NCISP standards.

Tallahassee Community College will contribute \$394,000 to the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Investigations

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

Description of Request: I have secured \$167,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Investigations Account under the Army Corps of Engineers for the Mile Point Study.

The funding would study possible improvements to the Mile Point area in the St. John's River where erosion issues severely restrict deep draft navigation. This a major safety concerns for all commercial vessels transiting to the Jacksonville Port Authority.

The study is cost-shared 50% Federal, 50% non-Federal. The non-Federal sponsor for this project is the Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPort).

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,349,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Construction Account under the Army Corps of Engineers for the Jacksonville Harbor.

The funding would complete Phase II dredging of the federal ship channel to the Talleyrand Terminal.

The study is cost-shared 75% Federal, 25% non-Federal. The non-Federal sponsor for this

project is the Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPort).

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Account: Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

Description of Request: I have secured \$5,650,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Operations and Maintenance Account under the Army Corps of Engineers for the Jacksonville Harbor.

The funding would provide routine maintenance dredging to the federal shipping channel.

There is not a cost share for routine operations and maintenance, it is 100% Federally funded.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

Description of Request: I have secured \$5,890,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Operations and Maintenance Account under the Army Corps of Engineers for the Intercoastal Waterway, Jacksonville to Miami, FL.

The funding would provide maintenance dredging for the waterway.

The Florida Inland Navigation District will provide \$2,500,000 in matching funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Electricity Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Tallahassee, Florida

Address of Receiving Entity: 300 S. Adams Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

Description of Request: I have secured \$570,900 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Electricity Efficiency and Renewable Energy Account under the Department of Energy for the City of Tallahassee Innovative Energy Initiatives.

The City of Tallahassee will provide \$2,000,000 in matching funds for this project.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Operation New Hope

Address of Receiving Entity: 1830 N. Main St. Jacksonville, FL 32206

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Small Business Administration Account for Operation New Hope.

Jacksonville, Florida has continued to experience one of the nation's highest murder rates. Many experts have come to now understand that successful re-entry can be one of the best ways to address violence and crime. The funding of this program dramatically improves public safety by taking people out of

the cycle of crime. This program also supports small businesses by introducing many new workers to the workforce.

The State of Florida, City of Jacksonville and other private sources will contribute \$2,450,000 to this project.

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Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Jacksonville Beach

Address of Receiving Entity: 11 North Third St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project account under the Environmental Protection Agency for the City of Jacksonville Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade.

This funding will be used for the removal of nutrients from the City's wastewater effluent before it is discharged into the lower St. Johns River, a federally designated impaired river segment, with a January 2006 EPA-mandated 5-year cycle Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) with requirements for Wastewater NPDES Permit holders to reduce nutrients significantly to at or near Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) Standards.

The City of Jacksonville Beach will provide 45% in required non-Federal matching funds for the project.

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Account: Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: United States Forest Service

Address of Receiving Entity: 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Land Acquisition account for the Florida National Forest, Osceola.

The purchase of this parcel of land, which is over 1,500 acres, will bridge the gap between and connect the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and the Osceola National Forest, creating one of the largest forested wetland habitat corridors east of the Mississippi River.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE), Department of Education

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: The Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership

Address of Receiving Entity: 4019 Boulevard Center Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Description of Request: I have secured \$190,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Higher Education Account within the Department of Education for the Florida ESOL E-Learning Network.

School districts in Florida duplicate their efforts by creating and revising their own ESOL courses and having them approved by the state. The Florida ESOL E-Learning Network will provide an educational interactive network to serve all districts with constant and state-approved ESOL courses. By offering the

courses online, the Schultz Center will be able to serve larger numbers of teachers in multiple school districts within the state.

The Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership will provide \$105,000 in non-Federal matching funds for the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (including FIE), Department of Education

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Jacksonville, Florida

Address of Receiving Entity: 117 W. Duval Street Suite 400 Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$333,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Elementary & Secondary Education account within the Department of Education for the Jacksonville Journey alternative education program.

More than 15% of all middle school and high school students in Duval County are two or more years behind grade level. "Overage" is a prime indicator for truancy, behavioral problems, and likelihood of coming into contact with the juvenile justice system. As part of its Jacksonville Journey initiative aimed at preventing and reducing crime, the City of Jacksonville is partnering with the Duval County Public Schools to expand a program that provides alternative education opportunities for overage and academically-challenged students. The Alternative Learning Centers program is currently established in 16 comprehensive high schools located throughout the district. The program is designed to eliminate the achievement gap faced by these struggling youth and provide them with the skills and knowledge necessary to move on to higher education or employment.

The City of Jacksonville will provide \$400,000 in non-Federal matching funds for the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (including FIE), Department of Education

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Duval County Public Schools

Address of Receiving Entity: 1701 Prudential Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Description of Request: I have secured \$285,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Elementary & Secondary Education account within the Department of Education for the Instructional Technology Initiative including for the purchase of equipment.

The Instructional Technology Initiative would provide an innovative and effective method for engaging students who are falling behind in their oral language and reading skills. Intervention products use software founded on adaptive technology that matches the participant's incoming skill level and developmental progress through training exercises. These exercises are continuously calibrated and adjusted to the student's changing skill levels to ensure that they are constantly challenged. Along with Duval County Public Schools, the Instructional Technology Initiative will ensure that these students will not be denied the education they deserve.

The State of Florida and The City of Jacksonville will provide \$650,000 in non-Federal matching funds for the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE), Department of Education

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Lake City Community College

Address of Receiving Entity: 149 SE College Place Lake City, Florida 32025

Description of Request: I have secured \$95,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Higher Education Account within the Department of Education for the Math for College and Career Excellence program.

More than 70% of the high school graduates that enroll in Lake City Community College do not have the foundational math skills needed for success in college and the workforce. The Math for College and Career Excellence program will address this critical issue by raising academic standards and expectations; institutionalizing collaboration between high school and college faculty; incorporating "real world" applications from careers that depend on math skills; and, ensuring high school graduation standards predict success in both college and career.

Program research outcomes will enable stakeholders to align curricula, assessment tools, and definitions of college- and career-readiness, ensuring that students exit high school ready for success. Building on strong academic partnerships and competitively awarded grant funding, the Math for College and Career Excellence program will transform local math education, support statewide enhancement initiatives, and produce a qualified workforce for 21st century careers.

Lake City Community College will provide \$267,000 in non-Federal matching funds for the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Higher Education (including FIPSE), Department of Education

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: North Florida Community College

Address of Receiving Entity: 325 NW Turner Davis Drive Madison, FL 32340

Description of Request: I have secured \$143,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Higher Education Account within the Department of Education for the purchase of equipment for North Florida Community College.

Specifically, this funding will provide two Human Patient Simulators, which are essential to teaching methodology for nursing, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and other allied health students enrolled at North Florida Community College. With limited clinics and hospitals, using the human patient simulator offers students critical "hands on" experience. Additional equipment, such as dopplers, scanners, computerized charting systems and simulated barcode medication administration programs, ensures that the simulation experience is as close to the present technology utilized in modern health care facilities. Providing students with the opportunity to learn and then practice patient care, computerized documentation and medication administration systems in a simulated environ-

ment promotes student success and enhances the safety of the patient in the clinical area.

This is a one-time purchase of equipment and the Federal funds will cover the purchase price.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Florida Community College, Jacksonville

Address of Receiving Entity: 501 W. State Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Description of Request: I have secured \$381,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES) Account within the Department of Education for a veterans employment and training initiative.

As an increasing number of our nation's soldiers, sailors and airmen return to civilian life from service in combat zones, they face the sometimes enormous challenge of reestablishing their family life and re-entering the workforce. Many have no substantial civilian work experience and struggle to translate their military experience to the demands of civilian employers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that nearly fifteen percent—that's three times the national average—of veterans aged 20–24 are jobless. The Veterans Center for Career Re-Entry will provide the skills assessment, agency referrals, case management, education and employment counseling that veterans in northeast Florida need to successfully re-enter the workforce.

The state of Florida will provide \$80,000 in matching funds for this program.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: United States Department of Transportation

Address of Receiving Entity: 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20590

Description of Request: I have secured \$475,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways) account for construction of a paved, two-way road and bridge connection from State Road A1A to Fort George Island.

Funding is requested to construct access road improvements on Ft. George Island. As part of recommendations from a federally-sponsored FY2006 study, improvements are needed to alleviate roadway hazards and create a safe, efficient flow for traffic—while preserving the unique character of the Island. Specifically, funds will construct a paved, 2-way road and bridge connection from State Route A1A across Batten Island to Ft. George Island. Construction will also include a new intersection at Palmetto and Ft. George Roads, a park security gate, and a 2-way, paved connector road to handle traffic generated by visitors accessing the primary park area.

The Ft. George Island access road is a long-term solution for controlling traffic to the island and the State national parks. A new intersection at Palmetto and Ft. George Roads would separate automobile traffic from the

tabby ruins located immediately to the west of the existing Ft. George Road entrance to the island. This routing also would remove traffic from one of the most hazardous sections of Ft. George Road. In addition, the security gate would be incorporated into the design to control access to the island after park hours to address security concerns of local residents and enhance protection of the island.

The State/Local share is 20%; total funds available for matching are \$500,000.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Florida Department of Transportation

Address of Receiving Entity: 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Description of Request: I have secured \$190,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Surface Transportation Priorities account for Heckscher Drive Widening and Bridge Replacement.

This project is part of a roadway improvement and installation of new waterway bridge structures to improve capacity and safety for this major arterial. This road will connect major sea ports (commercial and passenger) to I-95, I-295 and commercial/industrial developments and is an evacuation route for Duval and Nassau Counties.

It will also serve a major new international container shipping seaport, which will begin operations in late 2008 and another major international container shipping seaport, which is scheduled to begin operations in 2011.

These two new container ports will more than double trips along Heckscher Drive from 11,000 vehicles per day in 2007 to 26,000 vehicles per day in 2030, while bringing as estimated additional 12,000 jobs to the Northeast Florida area.

All other funds for constructing this facility are currently available from local and state sources. The State/Local share is 20% of the total project cost. The Jacksonville Transportation Authority is in possession of the required matching funds and is committed to their financial obligation in order to complete the project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Address of Receiving Entity: 14201 Pecan Park Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218

Description of Request: I have secured \$722,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Surface Transportation Priorities account for the North Access Road at Jacksonville International Airport.

This project links I-295 with the Air Cargo and Passenger Terminals at the Jacksonville International Airport (JIA). The proposed project will complete the linkage for truck traffic southbound on I-95, allowing this traffic to enter the Air Cargo Terminal area without conflict with the primary passenger route. Completion of this project will increase Jacksonville International Airport's capacity and decrease the number of traffic delays. JIA serves the air transportation needs of northeast Florida and Southern Georgia.

The State/Local share of this project is 20%; the Florida Department of Transportation along with the Jacksonville Aviation Authority is in possession of the required matching funds for the project and is committed to their financial obligation for completion of the project.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Airport Improvements Program

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Address of Receiving Entity: 14201 Pecan Park Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218

Description of Request: I have secured \$722,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Airport Improvements Program account for the Cecil Field, Northeast Apron and Taxiways, FL.

The project is both AIP and MAP (Military Airport Program) eligible. The project will open new areas of the airport east of the existing runway for new economic development and job creation. JAA has currently redeveloped all existing facilities the JAA received from the U.S. Navy when the base was closed under BRAC.

The project consists of the 2000 foot parallel Taxiway Echo east of existing Runway 18L/36R and the 500 foot Taxiway A-1 connector, along with the 120,000 square foot apron.

The Jacksonville Aviation Authority is in possession of the required matching funds for the project and is committed to their financial obligation for completion of the project.

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Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Address of Receiving Entity: 100 North Myrtle Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204

Description of Request: I have secured \$475,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Buses and Bus Facilities account for Design, Acquisition of ROW, and Construction of the Regional Intermodal Terminal Center, Jacksonville, FL.

The Florida Department of Transportation and Jacksonville Transportation Authority are funding the preliminary design of a full regional multi-modal transportation center near Downtown Jacksonville.

This facility will serve rail, bus, rapid transit the existing Skyway system, intercity bus, parking, pedestrian, parking, and bike modes. The configuration is being designed to promote Transit Oriented Development in support of the City's Master Plan. Funding is requested to complete design, acquisition of property, and construction. Much of the property is already owned by the transportation agencies. This effort will complete design and critical Right-of-way for the second phase and assist in construction activities.

The State/Local share of this project is 20%; total funds available for matching are at least \$3.8 million.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009

Account: Capital Investment Grants

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Transportation Authority

Address of Receiving Entity: 100 North Myrtle Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,280,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Capital Investment Grants account for JTA BRT System, Jacksonville, FL.

This funding will provide for design of portions of an approved BRT corridor including bus lanes, critical right-of-way, signal priority, transit stations, access connections, and communications. Local funds of \$100 million are available for right of way matching. The RTS project includes dedicated bus lanes, rapid transit stations, signal priority and intermodal connections. The project is scheduled to be operational by mid-2011. The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) was selected in 2006.

The total program cost for building the complete JTA BRT system, with multiple corridors, is estimated to be \$395 million with local funding of \$197 million. Currently, with \$12.5 million in local funding, the JTA is completing Alternative Analysis and EA on this Bus Rapid Transit based system which is part of the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, Cost Feasible Plan.

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Account: Ferry Boats and Terminal Facilities

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Jacksonville Port Authority

Address of Receiving Entity: 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32206

Description of Request: I have secured \$712,500 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Ferry Boats and Terminal Facilities account for the Mayport Ferry Ramp and Dock Rehabilitation Jacksonville, FL.

The Mayport Ferry, which has been in continuous operation since 1948 and is a part of State Road A1A, requires significant repairs and maintenance. The Jacksonville Port Authority has acquired the ferry system from the City of Jacksonville and is the responsible party for all regular operation and maintenance and repairs. Specifically, funding would be used to rehabilitate the present ferry dock ramp on both sides of the St. Johns River. The Mayport Ferry connects the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve and the Mayport Village.

The State/Local share is 20%; the Jacksonville Port Authority is in possession of the required matching funds and is committed to their financial obligation in order to complete the project.

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Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Florida Department of Transportation

Address of Receiving Entity: 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,805,000 in funding in H.R. 1105 in the Interstate Maintenance Discretionary account for the I-95 Interchange with SR 202 (Butler Blvd), Jacksonville, FL.

I-95 is one of the nation's most significant north-south interstates and SR 202, Butler Boulevard is a major east-west 6-lane divided regional highway serving development and evacuation. Funding will supplement local funds to advance design on the complete intersection. A first phase is being constructed

totally with local funds. Completion of this interchange between Interstate 95 and SR 202 is critically needed to reduce traffic congestion and improve safety and capacity.

The State/Local share is 50% of the total project cost; the Jacksonville Transportation Authority is in possession of the required matching funds and is committed to their financial obligation in order to complete the project.

TRIBUTE TO NELL SOTO

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor a loving mother, adoring grandmother and great-grandmother, passionate lawmaker and cherished friend, Nell Soto.

Working in the citrus groves as a child during the Depression, Nell eventually grew up to become influential and well-respected in the California Legislature. A sixth-generation Pomona resident, her passion for positive change and betterment of the community began early on in her life. Walking precincts as early as 1948 to help elect President Truman, she eventually became a pioneer of Latino political activism during the 1950s and 1960s. Actively involved in supporting the rights of farm workers, she walked the streets of Delano, California with Cesar Chavez. She also played an active role in the anti-war movement of the 1960s, including helping Senator Bobby Kennedy win the California primary. These are only a small sample of the impressive events she was a part of and one of the many reasons as to why she became an inspiring role model to us all.

Nell's fight for change carried on into politics where she helped elect her husband, Phil Soto, to the California Assembly in 1962. Nell herself was first elected to office in 1987 as a Pomona City Councilmember, serving for twelve years and becoming a prominent figure in the community. In 1993, she was appointed to the South Coast Management Quality District board and truly became aware of the growing concern of the environmental hazards that were affecting the community. This is where she first made her true mark as a champion of environmental protection. Concerned by the increasing rise of pollution in the Pomona area, she recognized how this was especially affecting all of the hardworking people in fields. Understanding that they were constantly being exposed to these toxins, she continued to push for greater reform.

Only a year after the death of her husband in 1997, she was elected to the California State Assembly. However, shortly thereafter, she replaced me in the State Senate when I left to become a Congressman in 1998 and then returned to the State Assembly in 2006 after her Senate term limits expired. Bringing her determination to create a better life for the people in her community, she formed a task force in the State Senate to help water districts in Fontana, Rialto and Colton address perchlorate contamination of groundwater, an issue that is very dear to my heart. Nell was instrumental in helping deliver \$20 million in federal funding to the Inland Empire to buy replacement water.

Nell always stood up to fight for the poor, the undeserved, and for the community as a whole. She was a forceful voice for Latinos everywhere, making sure our community and its issues were heard. In addition to believing in the protection of the environment, Nell was also a fierce advocate for issues related to education, housing, public safety and transportation. Always prioritizing children and families at the top of her agenda, she helped establish legislation to create safer school routes for children and get parents more involved in their children's education. In addition, Nell was instrumental in securing 5000 new jobs by helping turn the General Dynamics plant in Pomona into a furniture plant, as well as helping to secure \$22.5 million for the Pomona Metro Link and Transit System. She was also responsible for helping secure \$5 million from the state budget for numerous parks and community centers within her district.

I have always been grateful for Nell's friendship, a woman who has always been an inspiration to my family and I. She always supported me, from the time I entered the Board of Trustees, to when I served in the State Assembly, State Senate and still as I came here to serve as a Member of Congress. I thank her for always making a point of attending one of my events or at least sending a representative if she couldn't come herself. I know I am not alone when I say that I have lost a truly amazing friend, one who will be remembered for her hard work, true commitment to family and tireless efforts to better her community.

I am proud to have known a woman who was so loved by all of her family and friends. Nell is survived by her children, Philip Jr., Michael, Patrick, Anna and Tom, as well as her eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

I would like to express my greatest sympathies for her family's loss. Let us take a moment to remember this great woman and her admirable dedication to instilling positive change and leading an exemplary life, one whose footsteps we all hope to follow. The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara and children Councilman Joe Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie and Jennifer and I are with her family at this time.

God bless Nell Soto for love of God, country and mankind.

IN HONOR OF JOHN AND JOAN MULLEN

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with the Irish American Business Chamber & Network, proud Irish Americans everywhere and especially the residents of the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in acknowledging the business skills, compassion and philanthropy of John and Joan Mullen.

Every Member of Congress receives considerable correspondence especially when the nation is in difficulty. I have come to appreciate first hand the intelligence and vision of John Mullen. At the peak of the energy crisis he drafted a precise, informative and creative assessment of the causes of the crisis and co-

gent ideas for its resolution. Of the many thousands of letters, phone calls and e-mails, his correspondence remains in a prominent place in my office and I look forward to working with him on the energy crisis and other pressing national matters throughout my tenure in Congress.

I should have expected as much from a man who has served his country in the armed forces, worked his way through college, and had the vision and determination to marry his remarkable wife Joan. Together they have raised four accomplished children: Tim, Jeffery, Matthew, and Janice. Madam Speaker, by dint of hard work, a faith centered life and love for one another, the Mullen family epitomizes all that is right in the United States, Ireland and the world. I ask that at this moment this chamber joins me in wishing John and Joan Mullen continued success, fair winds and following seas for many years to come.

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1105, the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act. This bill completes Congress' work funding essential government services for 2009 and invests in important priorities to get our economy back on track. H.R. 1105 provides for the needs of North Carolina's most vulnerable citizens and will help our State make the investments it needs to make for a brighter future.

As the former superintendent of schools in North Carolina, I am particularly pleased that this bill continues our commitment to educational opportunities for all Americans. Economists tell us that strategic investments in education are one of the best ways to help America become more productive and competitive. This bill builds on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support state and local community efforts to improve schools, and on the efforts of individuals and families to provide a better life for their children. H.R. 1105 provides \$66.5 billion for the Department of Education, a 7 percent increase over last year. In these times when state budgets are stretched to the limit, it increases the federal share of special education costs and increases Title I grants for disadvantaged students to ensure our local communities are able to continue to help our most vulnerable students. It provides increases to student financial aid to help 1.4 million students go to school, and helps 6.9 million families pay for college with an increase in the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,360. It provides additional funding for Head Start, gives child care assistance to 11,000 more children, and provides 1.7 million with quality afterschool services that supplement their school activities. These are fundamental investments that provide the key to the future for our nation's children.

This bill makes many other critical investments to address our immediate needs while laying the foundation for our long-term prosperity. H.R. 1105 provides \$15.3 billion for the Labor Department, providing critical job training, unemployment, and workforce protection